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A.G. John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I would like to begin by saying that the antitrust suit against Microsoft thus far has not yet affected my business. But I don't know what the future will hold for my technology-based business if litigation was to continue. I believe that the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is a rational and even-handed.

Even though the settlement may seem to stifle free enterprise, it is better to settle this case and move on to other pressing matters. The settlement implements the establishment of a three-person "Technical Committee," which will monitor Microsoft's compliance to the settlement. Microsoft has also agreed to make all future versions of its Windows operating system to be compatible with non-Microsoft software.

I strongly advise you to put an end to this money-wasting issue. It is a time of peculiar difficulty in our nation's history; it would be beneficial to cut out any unnecessary spending. It is vital that this settlement is finalized.

Sincerely,

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